What Happens When Serious Mental Illness Isn't Treated?

serious mental illness



Every year,

3.9 million

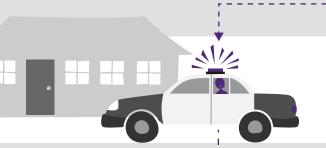
people have untreated serious mental illness.

POOR SHORT-TERM TREATMENT AND **EMERGENCY ROOM BOARDING**

of emergency physicians reported that patients with serious mental illness were being "held" in ERs for lack of hospital beds for psychiatric patients.







CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND DIVERSION FROM JAIL

Mental health courts and crisis intervention teams, tactics that help police divert detained people with serious mental illness into treatment vs. incarceration, are

available to less than half the population.

HOMELESSNESS

169,000 homeless adults

have untreated serious mental illness.







44 states and D.C. hold more people with serious mental illness in jails and prisons than the largest remaining psychiatric hospital.

MASS INCARCERATION

SUICIDE

POLICE SHOOTINGS

People with untreated mental illness are 16 times more likely

to be killed during a police encounter.



Individuals with bipolar disorder have a suicide risk 15 times higher than the general population, and suicide is the

most common cause of death in schizophrenia.



With the right services and support, people with serious mental illness can stay out of jail and off the streets, living healthy lives.

Take the Treatment Advocacy Center pledge to support more access to inpatient beds.

